

GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 28-09

AN ORDINANCE
CREATING SECTION 15.27(4),
GREEN BAY MUNICIPAL CODE,
RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS TO STAIRWAYS,
PLATFORMS, AND HANDRAILS

THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN BAY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 15.27(4), Green Bay Municipal Code, is hereby created as follows:

15.27 STAIRWAYS, PLATFORMS, AND HANDRAILS; EXEMPTIONS.

(1) **FOR EXITS.** Stairways and platforms forming a part of the exits required by this chapter shall have a minimum width of 3', and platforms shall have a minimum width of 3' in the direction of travel.

(2) **HANDRAILS.** All stairways and steps of more than three risers shall have one handrail located on the left-hand side as one ascends and one on the open side, if any. Stairways and steps 5' or more in width shall have handrails on both sides. Handrails shall not be less than 28" nor more than 32" above the run of the stairs measured vertically from the top front edge of the tread to the top of handrail, except railings around the open sides of stairwells and platforms shall not be less than 36" high measured vertically from the top of the platform to the top of the rails.

(3) **RISERS AND TREADS.** All stairways and steps required as exits by this chapter shall have a uniform rise of not more than 7 3/4" and a uniform tread of not less than 9 1/4" measuring from tread to tread and riser to riser. Winders may not be used unless the tread measures 7 1/2" wide at a point 1" from the narrow end of the tread. Stairways and steps not required by this chapter as part of the exits shall have a uniform rise of not more than 8" and a uniform tread of not less than 9".

(4) **EXEMPTIONS.** Any handrail or guardrail required for any stairway or platform shall comply with the code provision in effect as of the date of the original construction and shall be grandfathered. Any repair being made to any stairway or platform requiring any handrail or guardrail, and the repair is greater than 50% of the value of the stairway or platform, shall be required to comply with any current code provision and shall not be grandfathered.

SECTION 2. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect on and after its passage and publication.

Dated at Green Bay, Wisconsin, this 17th day of August, 2009.

APPROVED:

/s/ James J. Schmitt
Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Chad J. Weininger
Clerk

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